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SUBJ: DEMIREL INTERVIEW IN PARIS MATCH HIGHLIGHTED BY GREEK PRESS
REF ANKARA 5162

1. THE GREEK PRESS ON JULY 3 PICKED UP THE INTERVIEW BY
TURKISH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL IN PARIS MATCH (REFTEL)
AND GAVE IT PRIMINENT COVERAGE. MORNING TO VIMA (LEBERAL-
OPPOSITION) GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO ITS REPORT OF
THE INTRVIEW UNDER THE HEADLINE "NEW INDICATION OF IN-
FLEXIBILITY BY DEMIREL". ITS COVERAGE INCLUDED STATEMENTS
BY DEMIREL THAT "CYPRUS HAS NEVER BEEN GREEK" AND THAT,
FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO "ISSUE" ABOUT MAJORITY OR
MINORITY GROUPS ON THE ISLND S SINCE BOTH ARE "EXTENSIONS"
OF THE TWO MOTHER NATIONS.

2. TO VIMA ALSO REPORTED DEMIREL'S STATEMENT THAT TURKEY
COULD HAVE OCCUPEID THE ENTIRE ISLAND OF CYPRUS IN THREE MORE
DAYS. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE TURKS HAVE NO PLAN TO TAKE ALL THE
ISLAND. FINALLY, THE ARTICLE REPORTS DEMIREL AS SAYING THAT
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THE AEGEAN ISLANDS ARE AN EXTENSION OF THE ANATOLIAN MAINLAND,

THAT IN THE AEGEAN THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CANNOT
BE APPLIED AND THAT IF GREECE EXTENDS ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS,
THEN GREEK SOVEREIGNTY WOULD REACH THE TURKISH COAST.

3. THE AFTERNOON PRESS ALSO FOCUSES ON THE DEMIREL INTERVIEW,
E.G. "DEMIREL IS PROVOCATIVE" (APOYEVMATINI, PRO-GOVERNMENT);
"GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS TENSE: DEMIREL STATES CYPRUS
WAS NEVER GREEK" (ATHINAIKI, LIBERAL/PAPANDROU SUPPORTER).
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